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DEPT PLEASE PASS AMEMBASSIES TEGUCIGALPA, SAN SALVADOR,
SAN JOSE AND GUATEMALA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: GENERAL SOMOZA TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA

1. GENERAL SOMOZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 31 THAT HE WILL HOLD A SECRET MEETING NOVEMBER 6 WITH EL SALVADOR PRESIDENT MOLINA. SOMOZA SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION TO THE EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE. SOMOZA BELIEVES THE TIME IS RIPE FOR A SOLUTION AND IS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH MOLINA AND GENERAL LOPEZ. SOMOZA TALKED WITH LOPEZ LAST WEEK.

2. SOMOZA SAID HE ENVISIONS AN AGREEMENT ALONG THE LINES WHICH HE WORKED OUT WITH LOPEZ AND MOLINA LAST YEAR WHEN HE BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER ON HIS BOAT IN THE GULF OF FONSECA. UNDER HIS ARRANGEMENT BOTH PARTIES WOULD SECRETELY AGREE TO A SOLUTION. THEY WOULD THEN CALL IN A THIRD PARTY AS THE ARBITRATOR, WHO WOULD "DECIDE" AND PUBLICLY RECOMMEND THE SOLUTION TO WHICH THE TWO PARTIES HAD ALREADY SECRETELY AGREED.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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